



**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

In re the Application of: **Naoto HORIGUCHI**

Group Art Unit: **2822**

Application Number: **10/806,247**

Examiner: **Thanh Y. Tran**

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THEREOF**

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Sir:

This Submission is being filed concurrently with a Request for Continued Examination pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 1.114, and is also filed in response to the Office Action dated August 25, 2006.

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